

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-13, and 16-18.

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

--14. (Amended) A method for preparing a vaccine against human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) comprising:

(a) introducing into a vector DNA or liposome a nucleic acid encoding an envelope glycoprotein of HIV, wherein said envelope glycoprotein comprises a deletion of the third variable loop (V3); and

(b) mixing said vector DNA or liposome with a suitable adjuvant.

15. (Amended) The method of Claim 14, wherein said nucleic acid is introduced into antigen presenting cells (APCs) and said APCs are mixed with adjuvant.

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19. (Amended) A vaccine for inducing cellular immunity against HIV comprising:

(a) cells expressing on their surfaces an envelope glycoprotein of HIV, wherein said envelope glycoprotein comprises a deletion of the third variable loop (V3); and

(b) an adjuvant.--